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### **TOOELE COURTHOUSE TO BE NAMED THE GORDON R. HALL COURTHOUSE** *Dedication and Open House Planned on April 23*

**Tooele, UT**—The new Tooele courts complex has been named “The Gordon R. Hall Courthouse.” The court complex will be dedicated on Monday, April 23 at 1 p.m. during a dedication ceremony and open house at the courthouse, 74 South 100 East.

“Gordon Hall exemplifies the highest characteristics in the state’s judiciary,” said Utah State Court Administrator Daniel J. Becker. “Justice Hall is a man of the utmost integrity who is well respected not only in the judiciary but Tooele County as well.”

Gordon Hall, 81, was born in Vernal and raised in Tooele County. He worked as a prosecutor for the Tooele County Attorney’s Office, as a Third District Court judge, as Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court, and chairman of the Utah Judicial Council. He also served nationally as the president of the Conference of Chief Justices and chairman of the Board of Directors, National Center for State Courts.

The new Tooele Court Complex opened on March 1, 2007. The 57,600 sq. ft. \$10.4 million facility includes three courtrooms for use by the district, juvenile, and justice courts. One additional unfinished courtroom has been framed for future use. The building is expandable and can accommodate up to four additional courtrooms as the population and caseload in Tooele County grows. A unique feature of the new building is a secure corridor that allows in-custody prisoners to be transported from the jail to the courtroom without interaction with the public or staff.

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**Media Note:** A complete biography of Gordon R. Hall follows. A photograph is also attached.

## **Gordon R. Hall Biography**

1988-1989	President, Conference of Chief Justices and chairman of the Board of Directors, National Center for State Courts
1983-1993	Chairman, Utah Judicial Council
1987	Named Outstanding Appellate Judge of the Year by members of the Utah State Bar
1986	Member, Board of Directors, National Center for State Courts
1981-1993	Chief Justice, Utah Supreme Court
1977-1981	Justice, Utah Supreme Court
1969-1977	Judge, Third District Court
1966	President, Utah Prosecutors Association
1965	President, Utah Association of Counties
1965	Member, Tooele City, Charter Commission
1958-1969	Tooele County attorney for three terms
1955-1969	City attorney in Grantsville, Wendover, and Stockton
1952-1958	Attorney-Advisor, Commanding Officer, Tooele Army Depot
1952-1969	Private law practice in Tooele, Utah
1951	Law degree from the University of Utah

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